News Report From Washington

Red China & The U. S.—
Progress Since April—
Grumbles From 2 Allies—
Russia's Influence—

Washington, Aug. 10.- Looking back on the recent history of relations between the United States and Communist China, one realizes that great progress has been made since April—when things looked so bleak that a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was predicting a Chinese invasion of the offshore islands in the middle of that month.

That invasion may yet come, but there are signs that Moscow has encouraged the Chinese Communists to avoid any military clash with the United States—which U. S. sources have said would involve atomic weapons. The Moscow strategy seems to be the right one from the Chinese standpoint.

Communist China is six years old. There are six hundred million Chinese in the country, now pretty solidly controlled by the Reds. The nation is only starting on its industrialization program. There is need for vast improvements in many fields before Red China could put up a strong and sustained military effort against a nation such as the United States.

The high command in Moscow is evidently playing for time. Whether there is a genuine desire on the part of some of the Kremlin leaders for peace with the West is a good question. But regardless of the answer to that question, it is obvious that Red China should play for time. Of all the world's major countries, Red China and India need time most.

Actually, the threat from Red China will grow more dangerous as she grows comparatively stronger. If this ancient land ever succeeds in organizing its vast manpower into efficient armies, their number will be even more awesome than Russia's. But the result of the Moscow strategy eases tension at the moment.

The Geneva talks between the United States and China were encouraged by Moscow. They were also encouraged by many other nations, especially India. There is some hint that Moscow has acted as a restraining influence on the Chinese Reds in the Formosa Straight. It is certain that Red China's tactics were more aggressive than Russia's—three decades ago, when Russia's government was only eight years old..

As the Communists play for time, to ease relations and grow comparatively stronger, the two U. S. allies who would profit most by getting this country involved in a war with the Reds attempt to stir up immediate trouble. Elderly Syngman Rhee announced early this month he would resume authority over that part of South Korea awarded the Reds by the military truce. Such action would mean war and Rhee is well aware of that. But the old man has consistently asked that the war be resumed, and knows that if he can get the United States into an all-out war, he might extend his influence over North Korea.

Meanwhile, Nationalist China also would profit by a U. S. - Red China war. Chiang Kai-Shek's only hope is that United States troops will take back land on the mainland he could not hold. The Nationalists are ready to back Rhee's actions and maneuvers as a result.

Any progress made by President Eisenhower's administration in negotiations with either Russia or Red China, is blasted by the South Koreans and Nationalists. They do not want to see any progress in this field. The United States is motivated by different interests, however, which include the desire of avoiding further American bloodshed over land that is six thousand miles from the west coast and which is not American territory by any standard.

INTERCEPTOR CARS

Los Angeles.- The warning is out not to try to outrun the cops on the Los Angeles freeways. The police have a new freeway interceptor car which can acelerate from a standstill to 60 miles per hour in nine seconds, will do 45 in low, 85 in second and well over 100 m.p.h. in high, developing 188 horsepower. The speed-wagons also look just like any other patrol car.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Aug. 8.- We are so thankful for the nice rain to refresh everything. We surely needed rain, and still more to wet the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dysse, of Robertsdale, Ala., have arrived to spend their vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings.

Mr. Jennings' mother, Mrs. H. B. Jennings, of Roanoke, is spending a while with them also.

Mrs. Fannie Carson, of Roanoke, spent the yeek-end with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and family spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Younger, at Rustburg.

So glad Mr. Melvin Moore has returned home from the hospital, and is much improved.

We want to extend deepest sympathy to the entire Cyrus family in the loss of a loved one. He will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Miss Janet Thornhill, of Lynchburg is spending two weeks with her brother, Mr. Street Thornhill, and other members of the home.

Rev. Randolph Martin preached such a wonderful sermon at Hebron Church on Sunday morning. He also gave us a message in song. He is a wonderful young man and we hope for him the very best of everything.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, from St. Louis, Mo., are visiting their relatives here. They, with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler expect to visit in Norfolk and Virginia Beach this next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beard have arrived home from across the waters and are visiting his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard and other kin. The Beard's reunion was held at the Beard home on Sunday, with all the children present except two. A picnic dinner was served on the lawn, and enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carson, of Roanoke spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Rev. and Mrs. Colie Rock and boys were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings on Sunday.

Mr. J. E. Chick and Mr. E. L. Chick were visitors in Amherst and Lowesville last Thursday.

Miss Winnie Lee is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, at Rustburg.

LUCKY MAN

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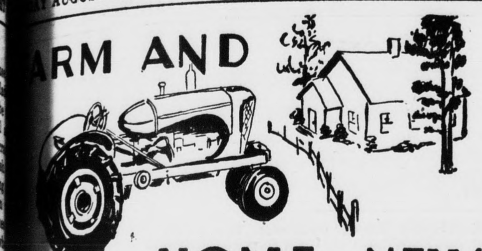

...start of World War II, ... have quadrupled, but la... for livestock production ... 7% during this per... needs were cut 34%. ... takes 40% of all farm ... almost as much labor ... 50 years ago to keep ... stock, that is, a cow, a ... and a few pigs. Pro... by-passed this phase of ... study shows that among ... big labor user is the milk ... an average of 61.7 ... produce $100 worth of ... covers only labor directly ... livestock, which is, feed, ... feed, cleaning the ... pens and moving and dis... animals and their pro...

...some of the other man... requirements for $100 of pro... manhours for laying and ... chickens or 11.9 man... the more centralized and ... broiler production; 26.8 ... for sheep; 23.8 manhours ... 15.9 manhours for hogs; ... manhours for beef cattle. ... also heads the list for ... required per animal per year. ... 140 manhours for a hand... ... 20% less, or 111 ... cows that are machine ... and litter carriers, barn ... station milking cups, effi... arrangement, pipe line ... handling of milk, sale of ... of whole milk, and the ... of large herds and large ... producing cows all make for ... per year of product. In ... the size of the herd ... big difference in labor needs. ... a large herd can use ... self-waterers, and good ... economically while small ... So, labor in puts range ... manhours per $100 of ... in the North Central ... where herds are largest, to ... hours in the South.

...herded on open range take ... of labor, but those that ... on fenced pasture or ... small farm flocks—take ... average amount. Labor-saving equipment and ... practices being to be ... with a 200-bird flock, are ... so as the flock size in... Production-line broiler rais... takes 5 to 15 hours of ... 100 birds, while the less... raising of chickens to the ... for laying flocks (includ... slaughtered) takes 25 to ... Similarly, in turkey pro... starting point for labor ... equipment, work me... management is about 100 turkeys per flock. In the last 20 years, average flock size, rose tenfold and labor input per 100 pounds declined 71%.

Cover Crops for Gardens

Crimson clover seeded in August at the rate of 1 pound per 1,000 sq. ft. makes an excellent cover crop for your garden. This cover crop will help hold down erosion and add valuable organic matter when plowed under. Some gardeners favor planting crimson clover in between the rows the last cultivation in August and after a good growth of clover is up it helps hold down the weeds but does not get large enough to harm the vegetables, or planted separately as a cover crop later in the fall. Wheat and rye may be planted up until frost and for sometime afterwards. Rye, wheat, oats, and barley should be seeded at the rate of 4 pounds per 1,000 sq. ft. of space. Decide on a cover crop early. Plan to grow one this year. There is still time to plant several vegetables in the fall garden if you get to work right away. Snap beans, cucumbers, beets, turnips, leaf lettuce, upland cress, kale, mustard, turip salad, and spinach can still be planted.

4-H Electric Congress

County winners in the 4-H farm and home electric project for Appomattox County are Winfred Lee and Gene Carson, who will attend the fifth 4-H Electric Congress in Richmond, September 1 and 2. The purpose of the Congress is to honor and entertain 4-H'ers who have done top work in their project. Some 300 people, including V. P. I. Extension employees, power supply representatives and others are expected to attend. Highlight of the program will be the announcement of District and State award winners. District winners will receive engraved gold watches, the individual sate winner will receive a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in November. The county conducting the most outstanding electric program during the year will receive a bronze achievement plaque.

Speakers will include Dr. John R. Hutcheson, chancellor, V. P. I., on Thursday, September 1, and Robert Scott, farm youth advisor, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Friday, September 2. County exhibits and demonstrations will be featured. Also planned are tours to the state capitol and other historical sites in the area.

Onions In The Lawn

A unique suggestion has come to our attention when it comes to ridding the lawn of wild onions. It seems that the onion has a waxy protective coating on the leaves and it makes the plant more resistant than most weeds to treatment with chemical weedkillers.

To control, mix a 5% solution of 2,4-D in water (about 5 ounces of an ester formulation of 2,4-D in about a gallon of water). Then place a rubber glove over your hand to protect it from the chemical and pull an absorbent cotton glover over the rubber glove. Apply the solution to the garlic or onion plants by dipping your gloved hand into the mix ture, then firming your hand around the tops of the unwelcome pest. Press hand enough to break through some of the waxy coating on the leaves of the plant. This will permit the chemical to penetrate into the plant's system, move down into the bulbs, and kill the entire plant. Naturally, this would not be practical where there is a large amount of onions in your lawn, however, in many lawns there are just a few and they may eventually become a real problem.

Upland Cress Becoming Popular

Upland Cress, a vegetable green, is becoming popular throughout Virginia and especially in Page County, where more than 600 acres are grown for canning. The estimated acres for this year in Virginia is 1,000. The demand is increasing for both fresh and canned cress. In areas where it is grown, market demand is strong and the price is considerably higher than that paid for other greens. Tests are now underway at V. P. I. to determine the best cultural practices. Apparently no experimental work has been done on cress anywhere else in the United States. Limited information available indicates the food value compares favorably with that of other popular greens, such as kale and spinach.

Top Pastures

Securing of top pastures requires some planning and thinking. First, add lime, if needed, fertilizer, seed bed preparation, mixtures, time of seeding, depth and method of covering the seed, all are important factors.

A good stand and a high producing pasture depends largely on the seeding operation. Have your soil tested, apply enough lime, to brng the pH to 6.0 to 6.5. A soil test will indicate the preesnt fertility level in the soil. Generally, ladino clover-tall gras mixtures should receive from 600 to 1,000 pounds per acre of a 2-12-12, 4-12-12 or 5-10-10 fertilizer. When you are seeding blue grass, orchard grass, white clover, red top mixture to which lespedeza will be added in the spring, use a 4-16-8. Disc the fertilizer thoroughly in the soil. The seed bed should be firm and compact, not cloddy but not worked too firm. Plowing in fields suited to plowing followed by discing and rolling.

For most conditions, one to two pounds of ladino and 6 to 12 pounds of orchard grass is a good mixture. Where orchard grass is not adapted, tall fescue may be substituted. Five to 8 pounds of certified Atlantic, certified Williamsburg, certified Buffalo, or Kansas Common on soil suited to alfalfa production will increase yields the first year. Certified Kenland or Virginia adapted red clover may be used for the same purpose if preferred, or on soils not suited to alfalfa.

If you want bluegrass mixture, and it is not likely to become established from seed or plants already present, use a mixture of 8 pounds of Kentucky bluegrass, 8 pounds of orchard grass, 3 pounds of red top, and 2 pounds of white clover.

Seed at the proper time, which is between August and September 15.

It is advisable to seed when there is enough moisture in the ground to keep the seedings alive after they have germinated. A satisfactory way to cover seed is to roll with a roller after seeding or during the seeding operation.

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